

Safety Planning for Humanitarian Immigrants

Tips for Keeping Your Family Safe



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What should I do now?

Memorize your A-number and the A-numbers of your family members, or write them down and have them available.

If you have an attorney, memorize their phone number. If you are an Exodus client, you can call the Exodus office (317-921-0836) or the Exodus emergency line (317-625-7892) if it is after 4:00 p.m.

Memorize the phone numbers of at least one family member.

Carry your green card with you if you have it. Carry your work permit if you do not have a green card. If you have filed for a green card, or for asylum, but do not yet have these documents, carry a copy of your receipt notice or approval notice.

Make a list of all of your medications and make sure someone in your family has this list in case you are detained.

Print off a copy of a judicial warrant (example on page 3) and keep it by your front door.

Write temporary guardianship paperwork (example on page 4), get it notarized (you can often find free notaries at your local library) and give a copy to the person who will take care of your children (or any adults you have guardianship of) if you are detained. That person can file a copy of the paperwork at the appropriate court if you are detained. The proper location to file this paperwork may vary depending on where you live, so it will be important for this person to consult an attorney before filing the paperwork. Make sure this person knows about all of your children's medical conditions and medications.

Make sure there is an alternative authorized pickup person at your child(ren)'s school(s), and update your child's emergency contacts if needed. Call the school directly to arrange this.

Make sure multiple people in your family know how to pay your rent and other essential bills.

Example of a Judicial Warrant

AO 442 (Rev. 11/11) Arrest Warrant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

_____ District of _____

United States of America
v. _____)

) Case №.
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Defendant

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay
(*name of person to be arrested*), _____
who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- Indictment Superseding Indictment Information Superseding Information Complaint
 Probation Violation Petition Supervised Release Violation Petition Violation Notice Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

Date: _____

Issuing officer's signature

City and state: _____

Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (*date*) _____, and the person was arrested on (*date*) _____
at (*city and state*), _____

Date: _____

Arresting officer's signature

Printed name and title

Example of Standby Guardianship Paperwork

DECLARATION OF STANDBY GUARDIAN

Pursuant to Indiana Code Section 29-3-3-7, I, **name**, the **biological father/mother/other relationship** of the minor child(ren) listed below, hereby designate **guardian name** (DOB MM/DD/YYYY) to serve as my minor children's standby guardian in the event of my death, detention or incapacity.

Minor child's full name as it appears on birth certificate	Date of Birth
Child 1 full name	MM/DD/YYYY
Child 2 full name	MM/DD/YYYY

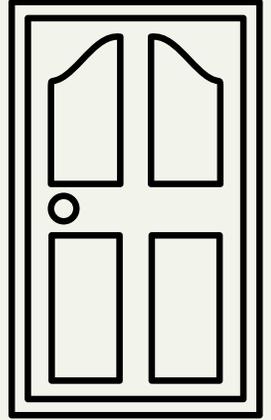
This declaration shall terminate ninety (90) days after becoming effective unless the standby guardian files a petition for a guardianship of the above listed minor children during that ninety (90) day period.

← **Sign here**

Your name

↙ **Type your name here**

What should I do if ICE is at my door?



Do not open your door.

Ask if ICE has a warrant. If they say they do, ask them to slide it under the door. If there is not space to slide it under your door, ask them to hold it up to a window.

Make sure the warrant is a judicial warrant (example on page 3). A real warrant must have your address and be signed by a judge.

If you need an interpreter, ask for one.

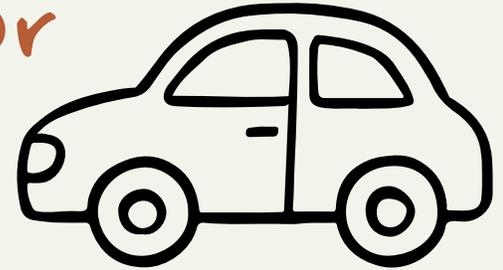
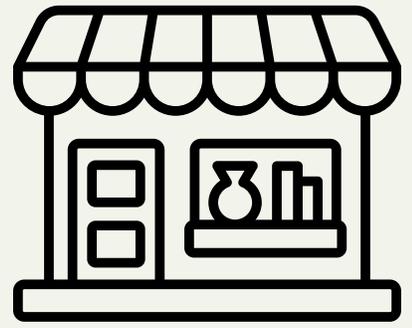
Ask to call your immigration lawyer. If you are an Exodus client, you can call our office (317-921-0836) or our emergency line (317-625-7892) if it is after 4:00 p.m.

Call Indy Rapid Response (855-589-4639) and let them know you think you have ICE at your door.

Be ready to share your green card, work permit, or a receipt notice if needed to help prove that you have legal status.

You can call 911 if you are being physically threatened.

What should I do
if I am stopped by
ICE while driving or
in public?



Do not run away.

Do not roll your car window down more than a crack to speak with them.

You must provide your name if you are asked for it.

If you are ordered to stop or get out of your car, you must do so.

Ask for an interpreter if you need one. Take a screenshot of an image that says “I am a refugee/immigrant/green card holder from (country name) and I speak (language name). I need an interpreter.” Show this to the officer who stops you.

Ask to call your immigration attorney, if you have one. If you are an Exodus client, you can call the Exodus office (317-921-0836) or the Exodus emergency phone (317-625-7892) after 4:00 p.m.

You can show your green card, work permit, or a receipt notice that you have applied for a green card or asylum.

If you are detained at the end of this stop and returning to your home country would put your life in danger, say that you are a humanitarian immigrant afraid to return to your home country. Say this as often and loudly as possible.

What should I do if I am detained?

Do not sign anything without speaking to an immigration attorney first.

Call your immigration attorney. You should have a phone number memorized for an immigration attorney. If you are an Exodus client and do not have an immigration attorney, you can call Exodus at 317-921-0836 or at 317-625-7892 after 4:00 p.m.

If you do not know the phone number of an immigration attorney, call a family member who will be able to call the immigration attorney for you. Assume you will only get one phone call.

Do not lie about your identity.

Ask for an interpreter if you need one.

Show immigration officials any proof of your legal status that you have: for example, your green card, work permit, or a copy of a receipt notice showing that you have an active immigration case.

Say that you are a humanitarian immigrant who is afraid for your life if forced to return to your home country. Say this loudly, often, and to as many people as possible.

Ask for access to any medication you need.